

of the brush handle passage openings, and a handle retaining spring positioned around the exterior perimeter edge of the spring guide insert and having the two spring ends thereof attached together to form a closed loop; the brush handle retaining spring being sufficiently strong to retain a handle of a paintbrush pushed through a brush handle passage opening of the support plate and located between the handle retaining spring positioned around the exterior perimeter edge of the spring guide insert;

the support plate having multiple can insert snaps extending from a bottom surface thereof that are positioned to seat into a channel formed about the top opening of a paint can.--

- Remarks -

Preliminary Remarks:

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Applicant has amended Claim 1 to remove the second paragraph material indicated by the Examiner. Claim 1 (amended) should now satisfy Section 112, second paragraph. As Claim 1 was indicated as otherwise allowable, Claim 1 (amended) should now be in condition for allowance.

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